

# The Power of Partnership



## RHODE ISLAND AGENCIES COMBINE FORCES TO INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION

**History Calls:** Rhode Island has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in and support the next generation – by **building the best schools possible** for our students and by **supporting future business leaders** who will make our state competitive for decades to come.

### BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

- Over the next 10 years, Rhode Island will spend **\$3 billion** to build or rehab school buildings.
- 10% of that money must go to minority-owned businesses – that means **\$300 million available**.
- We don't have enough companies or workers who qualify... so we're spreading the word about job training and business skills.

**A powerful combination of Rhode Island state agencies joined forces to create the MBE (minority business enterprise) Incubator Program.** Each year more than 3,000 Rhode Island students leave high school without a plan. The MBE Incubator Program is dedicated to helping many of these students take advantage of opportunities created by our statewide investment in school construction.

### WE ARE READY TO FUEL SUCCESS

The MBE Incubator Program is offering a series of outreach initiatives to attract and prepare high school students and graduates for career success, including:

- Rhode Island Promise scholarships
- Paid apprenticeship programs
- Streamlined certification as an approved MBE
- And much more

### OUR TEAM

Participating agencies include:

- Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)
- Local education agencies (school districts and state-run school leaders)
- Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (DEDI)
- Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RIPOC)
- Skills for Rhode Island's Future

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